

Finishes $641 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 801 / 2^{\prime \prime}$

Red - 1 5/8 yards

1. Cut 1 strip 9". Cut into 3 squares 9 ".
2. Cut 2 strips $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Cut into 8 Squares $81 / 2 "$.
3. Cut 2 strips $51 / 2$ ". Cut 13 squares $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
4. Cut 5 strips $21 / 2 "$. Cut into 52 squares $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

White - $23 / 4$ yards

1. Cut 1 strip 9". Cut into 3 squares 9 ".
2. Cut 6 strips 7 ". Cut into 26 squares 7 ".
3. Cut 4 strips $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Cut into 26 squares $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
4. Cut 7 strips $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for $1^{\text {st }}$ border.

Blue - $31 / 2$ yards

1. Cut 2 strips $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Cut into 8 squares $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
2. Cut 2 strips $5 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Cut into 13 squares $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
3. Cut 5 strips $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Cut into 52 squares $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
4. Cut 8 strips $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ for $2^{\text {nd }}$ border.
5. Cut 8 strips $21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ for binding.

## Backing

$72 " \times 88^{\prime \prime}$ piece or 5 yards (2 pieces $21 / 2$ yards $\times 2$ )

## Sewing Instructions

1. Make flying geese with 13 white squares 7 " and 13 blue squares $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
a. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of blue squares.
b. Place the blue square rights sides together with the 7 " white squares. They will be placed in center with $3 / 4$ " of white showing on all sides.
c. Sew scant $1 / 4$ " on both sides of line.
d. Cut apart on line. Press to white.
e. Place squares right sides together to match the sides, not the center. Match blue to white side and white side to blue.
There will be sticky out corner points and the seam line you sewed will not match in the middle.
f. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner the opposite way the seams are already sewn. Sew on both sides of line with scant $1 / 4$ " seam allowance.
g. After sewn, cut apart on marked line.
h. After cut apart, before you do anything else, fold in half along seam line and clip to the seam line. This allows you to press each side to the sky portion (white) of the flying geese, or what was the original 7" square.
i. After you have pressed to the white side, cut your flying geese units to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. They will finish 2 " $\times 4$ " when sewn in quilt.
2. Take the flying geese units and with the matching $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " white squares and the matching blue $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares and make 13 sawtooth stars. It will measure $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.


Need 13
3. Make flying geese with 13 white squares 7 " and 13 red squares $51 / 2$ ".
j. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner on back of red squares.
k. Place the red square rights sides together with the 7" white squares. They will be placed in center with $3 / 4$ " of white showing on all sides.
I. Sew scant $1 / 4$ " on both sides of line.
m . Cut apart on line. Press to white.
n . Place squares right sides together to match the sides, not the center. Match red to white side and white side to red.
There will be sticky out corner points and the seam line you sewed will not match in the middle.
o. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner the opposite way the seams are already sewn. Sew on both sides of line with scant $1 / 4$ " seam allowance.
p. After sewn, cut apart on marked line.
q. After cut apart, before you do anything else, fold in half along seam line and clip to the seam line. This allows you to press each side to the sky portion (white) of the flying geese, or what was the original 7" square.
r. After you have pressed to the white side, cut your flying geese units to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. They will finish $2 " \times 4$ " when sewn in quilt.
4. Take the flying geese units and with the matching $41 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ white squares and the matching red $21 / 2$ " squares and make 13 sawtooth stars. It will measure $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.


Need 13
5. With the 3 white 9 " squares and the 39 " red squares.
a. Mark the back of the 3 white 9 " square diagonally corner to corner. Place right sides together with the red 9 " squares. Sew on both sides with scant $1 / 4$ " seam allowance. Cut apart on marked line.
b. Press to red. Trim to $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " to make 6 half square triangle squares $8 \frac{1}{2}$ : $\times 8 \frac{1}{2}$ "


Now start assembling the rows of the quilt. Each row should measure $81 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 481 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ when complete.
6. Row 1 -

7. Row 2

8. Row 3

9. Row 4

10. Row 5

11. Row 6

12. Row 7

13. Row 8

14. After all the rows are assembled, sew the rows together to complete the quilt top center. The center section of the quilt should measure $48 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 641 / 2$ ".
15. Sew together 2 of the white $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ strips for each of the sides and $11 / 2$ of the 2 $1 / 2$ "strips for the top and bottom of the quilt. Press.
a. Cut the side border pieces cut to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 641 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Sew onto sides. Press to border.
b. Cut the top and bottom border pieces to $21 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 521 / 2^{\prime \prime}$, Sew to top and bottom. Press to border.
16. Sew together 2 of the $61 / 2$ " blue border strips for each of the sides and top and bottom of the quilt. Press.
a. Cut the side border pieces to $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 681 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Sew onto sides. Press to blue border.
b. Cut the top and bottom to $6 \frac{1}{2}>\times 64 \frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew onto top and bottom. Press to blue border.
17. Sew binding pieces together in one long strip. Add together on 45 degree angle and press open. After sewn, pressed at seams, and trimmed, fold in half lengthwise and press. Binding is now ready to be sewn on when quilt has been quilted.

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